

Federal City Performing Arts Association

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the 2001-2002 Board of Directors
2801 M Street, NW, Washington, DC
Wednesday, May 22, 2002

Present

Board: D. Akridge, M. Baker, P. Brayton, B. Bugg (by proxy to McGee), H. Cohen, K. Cole, W. Gannon (by proxy to McGee), S. Herman, H. Lewis, K. McGee, T. Paul, B. Reeg, D. Streit

Staff: D. Bielenberg, J. Buhrman

Absent: J. Chang, M. Ohnmacht

Proceedings

- 1) Chairman Streit called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2) Minutes of the April 17, 2002 meeting were accepted, as amended, without dissent following a motion by Brayton and a second by Cole.
- 3) Treasurer Lewis reviewed the financial reports of April 2002. The Chorus is in good financial shape, to date, about \$7,500 ahead of budget. It is essential that the Pride Concert and the Auction be successful in order to carry a cash balance through the summer. All major revenue-generating activities, such as advertising, merchandising, Capital Club and dues collection, are exceeding budget expectations.
- 4) Executive Director Bielenberg reported that the Auction netted about \$8,000.00 over budget; 2) Another Cabaret benefit is planned for Monday, November 25 at Mimi's American Bistro. Ticket price will be \$75.00; 3) we are still looking for more donors, both individual and corporate; 4) Herman reported that 1000+ tickets have been sold for the Kennedy Center Concert with three weeks to go. "Together" sold 145 tickets and Classical 2 sold between 80 and 90 tickets. 5) Postcards about the concert have been mailed, programs will be mailed next week and ads will appear in the Washington Blade, MW, and the Washington Post. The brochure for next season will be ready by Pride Weekend; GMCW will have a table at Black Pride in the convention center. 6) A technical needs assessment has been prepared for GMCW by CITI.
- 5) Treasurer Lewis presented the proposed budget for FY 2003. The budget represents a growth of approximately 10% over the FY 2002 budget. After discussion the budget was approved on a motion by Cole and a second by Paul.
- 6) Artistic Director Buhrman reviewed his activities for the past month that included preparation and marketing for the Kennedy Center (Pride) concert. He has arranged to interview and audition several candidates for chorus choreographer in July. He will also lead about 100 singers in their performance at the GALA Festival in Cincinnati. He is searching for repertoire for "Stops Along the Way", a cabaret to be presented next season. Chorus auditions will be held in August and two CDs are planned for release next season.

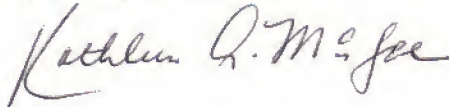
7) Chairman Streit reviewed his activities that included regular meetings with GMCW staff and committees. He is looking for a candidate for Treasurer since Lewis will relocate by next season. Streit is holding meetings with prospective donors and has developed a "Visionary Fund" which should be bolstered by a fundraiser to be held on May 28. Candidates are being sought for Chorus President, Vice President and Capital Club Vice President. Work by the Governance Committee and on the Strategic Plan will continue.

8) Other Business

Cohen reminded the Board that membership regulations must be updated.

9) Chairman Streit adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM by unanimous consent on a motion by Akridge and a second by Cole.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen McGee". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Kathleen McGee, Secretary
June 17, 2002